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Subject: Electronic Meeting authority outside of an emergency - expressing support from a community member

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Chesterfield County, Virginia. I am a volunteer member of the Environmental Stewardship and Advisory Committee for Chesterfield County Public Schools, and have two children that currently attend public school in the county.

I am requesting that staff draft language for the full FOIA Council's review following principles outlined by stakeholder groups that would maintain and guarantee public access. I feel that video should be required, when possible (outside of connectivity issues), so that the member can be easily verified and seen by the public attending the meeting.

I support all bodies having electronic meeting authority to enable safe meetings for all.

The Commonwealth should follow the lead of other states that have not adopted a numerical limit to electronic meeting authority and leave this to local communities to decide what is right for their circumstances in the rules they adopt to govern electronic meetings.

Voting should be allowed during electronic participation.

If this Subcommittee can not come to consensus today over the best path forward, I would ask staff for multiple versions to bring forward to the full Council.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Hasenfus